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Brig. General Andrew J. Goodpaster
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Andy:

I am forwarding to you for your information and such use as you see fit a letter to me from certain CIA consultants.

On 22 October, these consultants met with me and members of my staff after a detailed review of the intelligence on the Soviet missile programs and expressed great concern over the progress of the USSR in guided missiles and related fields.

I have high confidence in the technical competence of these gentlemen. They were brought into the intelligence effort in 1954 and have worked with us in the preparation and review of guided missile estimates ever since. We have kept them briefed on intelligence developments and they, in turn, have given us valuable technical assistance.

A copy of the attached letter is being forwarded to the Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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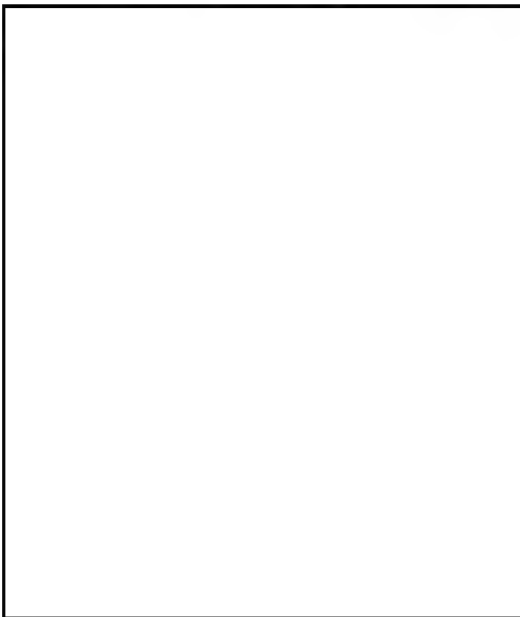
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White House Staff Briefing

1. The briefing seemed to go well this morning. There appeared to be a good deal of interest and again there were some complimentary and appreciative comments. Although Gov. Adams commented at the beginning that their ranks were "thin but firm" this morning, I believe the audience numbered about twenty or more, including, in addition to Gov. Adams, Gen. Cutler, Gov. Pyle, Mr. Rabb, Gen. Goodpaster, Mr. Morgan, etc.

2. I began by noting that the [] I had referred to last time, whose query on Sylvia was put to music in 1826 by Franz Schubert, had also written, "All the world's a stage," that there were a lot of actors talking at the same time, and therefore I could not cover everything in the time allotted. I mentioned briefly current Soviet tactics on disarmament, the 6 September Soviet note to West Germany, the 3 September Soviet notes on the Middle East, and Gromyko's 10 September statement. I referred to the UN debate in Hungary and commented briefly on the internal Hungarian situation. I then discussed the Tito-Gomulka visit. Regarding the USSR itself, I merely mentioned the continued presence of a large number of Soviet diplomats there, the possibility of a new central committee meeting, possible new purge developments, and reports on Bulganin. Then I discussed Communist China--crops prospects, peasant rumblings, the counterrevolutionary campaign, the recent executions, and the leadership status.

3. Leaving the Communist world, I discussed quickly the Indonesian situation, gave a round-up coverage of recent and current developments in the Middle East, and ended with comments on France, Algeria, and Tunisia.

4. For graphics I used a map of Communist China, one of Indonesia, one of the Middle East, and one of North Africa.

5. At the end of my briefing, Gov. Adams noted that two items of intelligence had come to the attention of the White House. The second one, which he handled beautifully, had to do with a new "alliance"--and ended up with the presentation of a gift to a member of the staff about to be married. The first one, of more interest here, had to do with a conversation he had had with Durga Das, the new managing editor of the English-language Delhi daily, The Hindustani Times.

6. I am not sure that I got all the governor's comment correctly, or that all the following statements are attributed properly. But I gathered that Durga Das made a good impression on the governor, and that he has asked Durga Das to see him again. Durga Das has visited a number of countries in the world; he was in one of the Soviet republics at the time of the Soviet ICBM announcement, and was told by a Soviet bigwig that the significance of this lay in the fact that there would be no war for ten years. Durga Das believes the Soviets will now step up greatly the "cold war." Gov. Adams (or Durga Das) referred to Gromyko's 10 September statements in this connection. Gov. Adams referred back to a query he had raised at an earlier briefing, namely what did Khrushchev have in mind, what did he hope to accomplish when he made his strong remarks in East German parliament during his recent visit to East Germany. He noted that at the time Gen. Cutler said that Khrushchev wanted to influence the West German elections, and said (I believe I got this correct) that Cutler was wrong. He appeared to share Durga Das' view that the Soviets will step up the "cold war," not for the purpose of scaring the West, which they cannot do, but to convince the Russian people they are in great danger. Meanwhile, they will continue to increase their production, and so far as industry is concerned, they appear to be getting on comfortably.

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8. After I returned, I called Mr. Minnich to offer him a [] and some copies of The Hindustani Times, but these were apparently already available there, and I merely offered some tid-bits over the phone.

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